# Worksheet Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management

**OFFICE:** Kingman Field Office (KFO)

NEPA DOCUMENT NUMBER: DOI-BLM-AZ-C010-2012-0008-DNA

**CASE FILE NUMBER:** AZA 34631

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE: Right-of-Way Amendment

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION: E½, E½W½ of sec. 30, T. 26 N., R. 18 W., G&SRM.

**APPLICANT (if any):** Mohave County Parks

## A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures:

The proposed action would be to amend right-of-way AZA 34631 to include a meditation circle approximately 60 feet in diameter, an additional ramada measuring approximately 10 feet by 12 feet, a vault toilet at the existing main trailhead and parking area, an additional trailhead with bench and kiosk measuring approximately 4 feet by 8 feet, and an additional 1.25 miles of hiking trails (see the attached map).

#### B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name: Kingman Resource Management Plan/EIS

Date Approved: March 1995

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions):

LR13a All other minor rights-of-way would be evaluated through the environmental review process and granted or rejected on a case by case basis. Existing rights-of-way would be used when possible to minimize surface disturbance. (Page 21)

# C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

EA-AZ-310-2008-0037

# D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

# 1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?

Yes. The proposed action alternative described in EA-AZ-310-2008-037 was to grant a right-of-way for a trail system with ramadas, kiosks, parking lots, and other typical related trail system facilities.

Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?

Yes. The proposed new facilities and proposed changes in trail locations are within the same area analyzed for this in EA-AZ-310-2008-037.

#### If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

The only differences are the addition of approximately 1.25 miles of trails due to adjustments which are required because of the terrain and the additional facilities mentioned above. These are not substantial since the general description of the facilities remain the same as in the right-of-way grant and the clearances performed for the analysis in EA-AZ-310-2008-037 concludes that there would be no substantial differences in the impacts from the proposed amendment.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

Yes. This is a slight adjustment of the Proposed Action Alternative described in EA-AZ-310-2008-037 and no development of additional alternatives is warranted for analyzing this amendment.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)?

Yes. There is no new information or circumstances which would change the validity of the analysis conducted under EA-AZ-310-2008-037.

Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

Yes. There is no new information or circumstances which would change the validity of the analysis conducted under EA-AZ-310-2008-037.

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

Yes. The direct effects described in EA-AZ-310-2008-037 anticipated from the trail facilities and trails were estimated to impact approximately 1.4 and 4.3 acres, respectively. The additional trailhead facilities and trails described in the proposed action in this determination would directly affect approximately 0.12 and 1.5 acres, respectively. Although the proposed amendment would add approximately 1.62 acres of disturbance, this additional area is considered small and therefore the direct impacts are similar to those described in EA-AZ-310-2008-037.

No new or different indirect or cumulative impacts would be anticipated by the proposed action.

# 5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

Yes. The proposed action was the result in planning efforts of the Dolan Springs Trails Committee with oversight from the Mohave County Parks Department.

# E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

This proposal was discussed at the October 17, 2011 Project Coordination Meeting

Name	Title	Resource/Agency Represented
Sue Baughman	Master Trails Overlord	Dolan Springs Trails Committee
Shawn Blackburn	Superintendent	Mohave County Parks Dept.

Note: Refer to the EA/EIS for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

# **Conclusion**

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

/s/ Andy Whitefield	10/19/11
Signature of Project Lead	Date
Andy Whitefield	
//P	10/10/2011
/s/ Ramone McCoy	10/19/2011
Signature of NEPA Coordinator	Date
Ramone McCoy	
/s/ Don McClure (for)	10/20/11
Signature of Supervisor	Date
Ruben A. Sánchez	
/s/_Don McClure (for)	10/20/11
Signature of the Responsible Official	Date
Ruben A. Sánchez	
Field Manager	
Kingman Field Office	

Note: The signed <u>Conclusion</u> on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest and appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.

## **DECISION RECORD**

NEPA Document Number: DOI-BLM-AZ-C010-2012-0008-DNA

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Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached Determination of NEPA Adequacy and as analyzed in the previous environmental assessment EA-AZ-310-2008-037, I have determined that the action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. An environmental impact statement is therefore not required.

It is my decision to approve the action as proposed. The terms and conditions as was granted in right-of-way AZA 34631 will remain the same.

/s/ Don McClure (for)	10/20/11	
Signature of the Responsible Official	Date	
Ruben A. Sánchez		
Field Manager		
Kingman Field Office		

#### **Exhibits:**

1) Amendment Decision.



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## CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

# **DECISION**

Shawn Blackburn, Director : Right-of-Way Mohave County Parks Department : AZA 34631 Post Office Box 7000 : Amendment #1

Kingman, Arizona 86402

# Right-of-Way Amended

On October 13, 2011, Mohave County Parks Department submitted an application to amend right-of-way AZA 34631 to add additional facilities and change the location and distance of the trails which were approved in the right-of-way as granted.

We have reviewed the application and hereby amend right-of-way grant AZA 34631 for the construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of the additional facilities and location of trails as shown on Exhibit A, dated October 19, 2011, attached hereto, which is incorporated into and made a part of right-of-way AZA 34631 and is to replace Exhibit A of the right-of-way grant.

All other terms and conditions as specified in right-of-way grant AZA 34631remain unchanged.

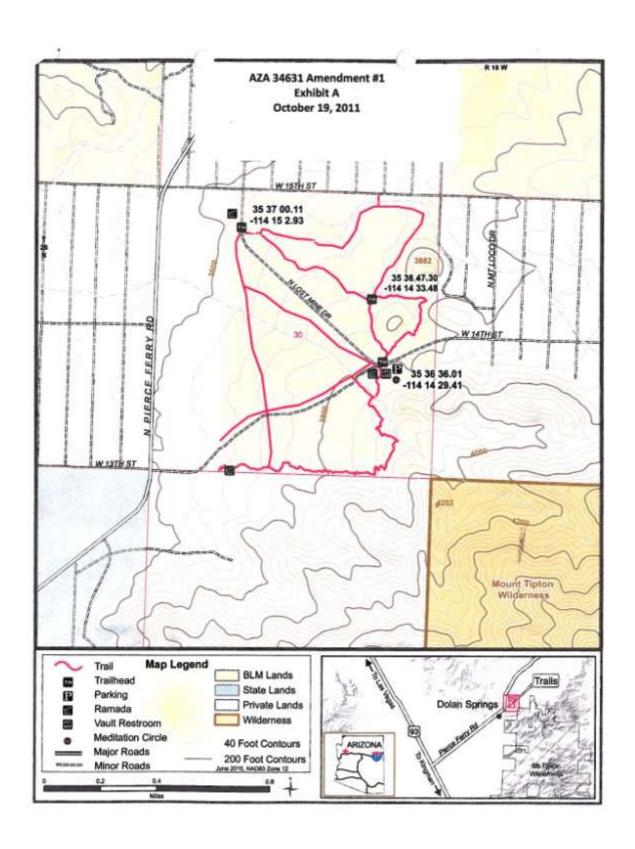
If you believe this decision has been made in error, within thirty (30) days from receipt of this decision you have the right to an appeal to the Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations in 43 CFR 4.400. If an appeal is taken, you must follow the procedures specified in the enclosed Form 1842-1, Information on Taking Appeals to the Board of Land Appeals. The appellant has the burden of proof of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

Also, if an appeal is taken, please note that under the regulations in 43 CFR 2801.10(b), this decision remains in effect until ruled upon by the Board of Land Appeals. To obtain a stay (suspension) of the decision you must follow the procedures on the back of Form 1842-1 under the heading of Information on Taking Appeals and Obtaining a Stay.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Andy Whitefield at (928) 718-3746.

Sincerely,

Ruben A. Sanchez Field Manager



## PROJECT COORDINATION

Agenda 1:30 p.m. 10-17-2011

Facilitator: Len Marceau Recorder: Don McClure Timekeeper: Melissa Patriquin

**Agenda Items:** Brief description, legal description, general location, name of presenter, time

needed.

Rules: 90 minute meetings
No side conversations
Stick to time limits

Additional agenda items added at end of meeting if time permits

PAST DUE CLEARANCES: none

#### DECISION RECORDS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- 2011 Jeep Jamboree USA Special Recreation Permit signed October 13, 2011 (DOI-BLM-AZ-CO10-2011-0029-EA)
- Colburn & Scott Outfitters Special Recreation Permit signed October 13, 2011 (DOI-BLM-AZ-CO10-2011-0049-E-A)
- Decision Record for Longtin substation and power line expected soon.

## **PROJECT:**

1. **DOI-BLM-AZ-CO10-2011-0059-CX** for Mud Springs Trash Cleanup. Clean up trash within the Mud Springs area on public lands by volunteers with the use of their off-highway vehicles. Sue Baughman of Dolan Springs Community Council - Open Space Trail System is the organizer of the cleanup on Saturday, November 19, 2011. The cleanup will start at 9am. The trash consists of household items, tires and trash. The trash would be placed in a 30 yard dumpster separating metal and non-metal items. Also refrigeration/Freon units would have to be kept aside and tires with rims would have to be separated. There would be a dumpster placed along the subdivision road leading towards the Mud Springs area. Cleanup would be accomplished using hand tools. Trash is scattered along several roads and washes. Pickup trucks and ATV/UTV's would be used to haul heavy items to the dumpster. No off-road vehicle travel would be authorized. CX is located at S:\Blmshare\nepa\ea\_eis\Trash Cleanups\2011 Mud Springs Trash Cleanup. Amanda Deeds (15 minutes) Team members: Tim Watkins (Archy), Ammon Wilhelm (Wildlife). Comments due by November 1, 2011.

- 2. **DNA tied to DOI-BLM-AZ-C010-2009-0024-EA** for filming permit for Cabela's Ultimate Adventure television show. Cabela's wants to film a bighorn sheep hunt November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The hunt will be with Wade Johnson Outfitters. If the hunt is successful the show would air on the Outdoor Channel in 2012 and the footage would not be sold for profit. There would be one outfitter, one guide, 1 hunter, and 1 videographer. The camera that would be used is a Sony EX1. The vehicles that would be used are 2 pickup trucks, and 2 four wheel ATV's. EA is located at S:\Blmshare\Recreation\SRP's\Outfitters & Guides\SRPs\Outfitter-Guide EA2009 Documents. Ammon Wilhelm (Wildlife), Chad Benson (WHB), Tim Watkins (Arch). Is the videographer going to camp with the outfitter/hunter? Comments due October 28, 2011.
- 3. Dolan Springs trail system. DNA to Amend Mohave County ROW to include meditation circle and a kiosk. Also, some of the trail routes will be modified. Whole area was previously cleared by Craig Johnson Archaeologist. No specialists needed to review the amendment.

Attendees: Don McClure, Melissa Patriquin, Andy Whitefield, Amanda Deeds, Tim Watkins, Ramone McCoy, Ammon Wilhelm, John Reid, Len Marceau, Dave Daniels, Abe Clark, Chad Benson, Paul Misiaszek.

Next meeting: November 1, 2011 10:30 a.m.

Facilitator: John Reid Recorder: Tim Watkins Timekeeper: Len Marceau